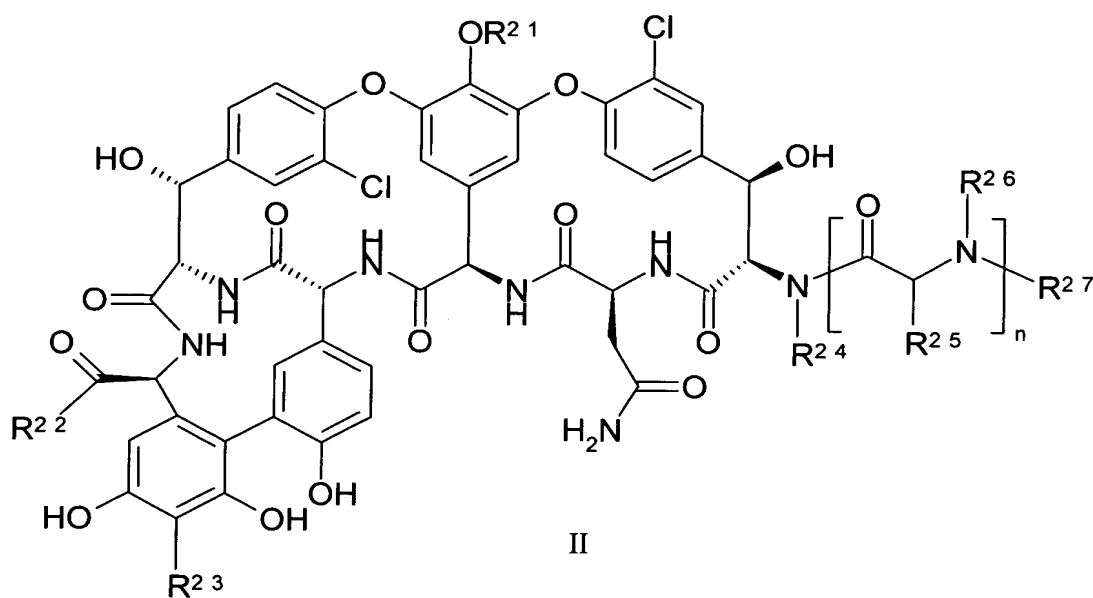


In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1-71 without prejudice or disclaimer.

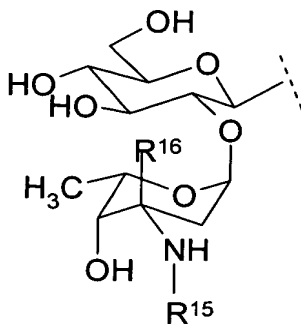
Please add Claims 72-81 as follows:

--72. (Newly Added) A compound of formula II:



wherein

$R^{21}$  is a group of the formula:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

73. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>16</sup> is methyl.
74. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>26</sup> is methyl.
75. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>27</sup> is hydrogen.
76. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>a</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-.
77. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>b</sup> and Z form an *n*-octyl, *n*-nonyl, *n*-decyl, *n*-undecyl or *n*-dodecyl group.
78. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>b</sup> and Z form an *n*-decyl group.

79. (Newly Added) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is  
-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-H.

80. (Newly Added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any  
of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Newly Added) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal  
infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a  
composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth  
of bacteria.--